REMARKS

Claims 2-8, 10-16, 18-24, 26-32, 34-40, 42-48, 50-58, and 60-68 are now pending in the application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 60, 67, and 68 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because claims 60, 67, and 68 are drawn to a "program" *per se* as recited in the preamble and a such are non-statutory matter. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicant has amended Claims 60, 67 and 68 in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions. This rejection is now moot.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner states that claims 2-8, 10-16, 18-24, 26-32, 34-40, 42-48, 50-58, and 61-66 are allowed.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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